

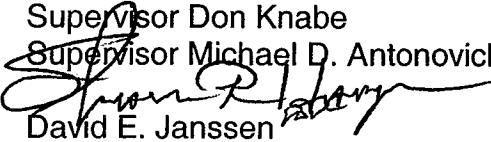


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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

State Budget Update

As reported in our April 11, 2007 Sacramento Update, Dr. Stephen Mayberg, Director of the State Department of Mental Health, advised our Sacramento advocates that \$74 million in Federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) payments had been submitted to the State Controller's Office (SCO) for disbursement to the County. The County is owed an estimated \$170.2 million for approved prior year claims. Today, the SCO contacted our Sacramento advocates to confirm that two warrants totaling \$74 million were issued on April 20, 2007.

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 1233 (Galgiani), as amended on April 17, 2007, would require the State Librarian to establish and maintain an online homework assistance program through State Public Libraries. It would also mandate that the online homework assistance program be offered free of charge to all students in the State, and subject to appropriation of funds in the Budget Act, would grant \$3.0 million annually to the State library for program implementation.

The County Librarian indicates that online homework assistance is a highly effective program that enhances and improves academic achievement. Additionally, students and parents who have used the program indicate that online homework assistance has helped them to improve academic performance.

The County Librarian also indicates that County libraries currently offer an online homework assistance program but the program cost is carried solely by the County. Should AB 1233 be approved, State funds would replace County funds, thereby freeing County funds to implement other crucial library programs.

The State Librarian indicates that ideally every child in California would have access to online homework assistance but due to the limited funding available, the number of libraries offering this service has to be narrowed.

Because this measure will provide State funding for library online homework assistance the County Librarian recommends that the County support AB 1233, and we concur. Support for AB 1233 is consistent with existing County policy to secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support AB 1233.** This measure is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Education Committee on April 25, 2007. AB 1233 is supported by the California Library Association. There is no registered opposition on record.

SB 286 (Lowenthal and Dutton), as amended on April 9, 2007, would require that the bond funds from Proposition 1B for local streets and roads be allocated by the State Controller in two cycles that cover four years, with the first cycle of payments to be made to eligible local agencies not later than January 1, 2008, and the second round to be made not later than January 1, 2010. The bill would require the Controller to use the population figures from the Department of Finance as of January 1, 2007 in making allocation to cities, and rewrites the allocation formula for distributing the cities' share of funds by requiring that the Controller allocate a minimum of \$400,000 to each city with the remaining funds to be allocated based on population. This measure has an urgency clause.

Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November 2006 general election, enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, which authorizes the issuance of \$19,925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$2.0 billion to be allocated by the Controller to cities and counties, by formula, for local street and road purposes, subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) indicates that SB 286 would provide the County with approximately \$97 million of its share of the local streets and roads bond funds in FY 2007-08, and \$97 million in FY 2009-10 for the ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of unincorporated County roads. DPW indicates that as a result, the County would continue to support the ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of the unincorporated County roads, since local agencies are not scheduled to receive any Proposition 42 funds until Fiscal Year 2008-09 pursuant to current law. Therefore, DPW recommends that the County support SB 286.

Support for SB 286 is consistent with existing County policy to support the direct allocation of funds to local governments for the preservation of local streets and roads, without reducing other transportation funds or impacting other agencies. Support for SB 286 is also consistent with Board action on December 5, 2006 instructing the Chief Administrative Officer to establish an Infrastructure Task Force to maximize the amount of funding available to the County from the various bond acts. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support SB 286.**

SB 286 is sponsored by the author and there is no known support or opposition. This measure is set for hearing today in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Status of County-Advocacy Bills

County-sponsored AB 800 (Lieu), regarding reporting of sewage spills, was amended in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on April 18, 2007, to remove the requirement that one water quality control board appointee have a demonstrated competence in public health, one of three provisions required by the Board action of January 30, 2007. The bill still retains two provisions required by that Board action: 1) notification of the local health officer immediately upon knowledge of a spill, and 2) enhanced penalties for failure to immediately notify the local health officer. AB 800, as amended, passed the Committee by a vote of 5 to 2 and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored SB 134 (Cedillo), which would allow those Sheriff's deputies currently subject to mandatory retirement at age 60 to work past that age if certified by a physician as fit enough to perform their assigned duties, was approved on a Senate special consent calendar on April 23, 2007. It goes next to the Assembly, where it is expected to be assigned to the Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee. A hearing is likely to occur in mid to late June.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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